

Already, Miller says, there have been several clean up efforts in the area and quite a few buildings are scheduled for demolition. "The People Who Care group from Mt. Zion AME Church have been very supportive," said Chief Miller.

Last month, the city commission authorized several high intensity street lights in the area.

Give the Gift of Literacy this Season

by Yvonne Jones

More than 70,000 Palm Beach County adults are functionally illiterate. One out of every eight drivers in Palm Beach County cannot read road signs. (Their driver's exams were read to them.) Eighty-five percent of juvenile offenders are illiterate. Sixty-five percent of U.S. prison inmates cannot read. Twenty percent of American women are functionally illiterate.

Do these statistics shock and surprise you? Are you appalled? Do you wonder what you, one person, could possibly do to change these numbers?

At an Open House recently held at the Belle Glade Branch Library to kickoff the Glades

Literacy Program sponsored by The Friends of Literacy, Inc., this reporter found out.

By joining Friends of Literacy, you could actually make a difference. You can make tax-free, deductible contributions that help in obtaining supplies, etc. You can become a literacy tutor and teach an adult to read. Tutors say that tutoring is a wonderful experience. You are able to actually see the difference you, one person, can make in someone's life. You and your student make your own schedule based on both your needs. Many tutors and their students become friends for years to come. Tutoring is ideal for college

students and retirees.

The Glades Literacy Program was recently re-funded through a combination of funds. The new Literacy Specialist is Pat Rogan. She is available at the Belle Glade Branch Library five days a week with a flexible schedule. She can assist you in making a contribution, becoming a tutor, or if you know someone who is illiterate, she can help get them started with a tutor.

If you are interested in joining The Friends of Literacy, Inc., you may contact Ms. Rogan at 561-996-3453 or write: Friends of Literacy, Inc., 7950 Central Industrial Drive, Suite 104-Library Annex, Riviera Beach, FL 33404-3439.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE...Shown from left to right are: Sidney Wettstein, Friends of Literacy, Al Liberman, Friends of Literacy, Phyllis Lilley, Belle Glade Branch Library Manager, Kathleen Murphy, Adult Literacy Coordinator, Barbara Liberman, Friends of Literacy, Patricia Rogan, Literacy Specialist, and Robert Gibbons, Literacy Tutor and Total Recovery.

Happy Holidays from The Sun



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GARY R. NIKOLITS, CFA, PROPERTY APPRAISER

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2. Florida vehicle registration.
3. Florida voter's registration.
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3. Tangible Personal Property Exemptions

Please call or visit the office nearest you for further information.

The Main Office at 301 North Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach will be open at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) for filing exemptions from January 2 through March 3, 1997

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Christmas Gifts for Weather Buffs

by Mike Lyons

I'm running out of time. There are only a few more shopping days until Christmas and I still haven't found the perfect gift for my wife. For me, this is nothing new. It is a problem I deal with every holiday season. After eleven years of marriage, it is still a challenge to find just the right Christmas present for my wife.

Now, picking out a gift for my daughter is much easier. She certainly helps matters by presenting me with a detailed wish list in early August. A list that includes the manufacturers suggested retail price and the nearest store location. This young lady is organized!

I'm pretty easy to shop for. All my family needs is the annual Weather Channel Holiday Catalogue.

This catalogue is a weather fan's dream come true. Just about anything to do with the weather, from thermometers to barometers to sundials to weathervanes, can be found in this 40 page treasure.

If you live with someone fascinated with the weather, the kind of person who can watch The Weather Channel for hours without doing off, this catalogue is for you. Allow me to make a few recommendations.

First, for the serious weather nerd, some serious weather equipment: the Weather Wizard III weather station by Davis. For \$195, your weather fan will be able to monitor the temperature, both indoor and outdoor, the wind speed and direction and, on those chilly January mornings, the wind chill.

The Weather Wizard keeps track of the weather, too. It will record the high and low temperature as well as the peak wind speed. For an extra \$75, you can add a rain collector. For another \$165, you can purchase a software package that lets you display the weather data on your personal computer.

A weather radio is always a great gift. It's all weather, all the time, a radio version of The Weather Channel. For \$65, your weather fan can listen for hours to National Weather Service broadcasts of weather conditions, local forecasts and, when the weather turns nasty,



Mike Lyons

the latest severe storm bulletins.

Sometimes our summertime thunderstorms can be pretty scary. If you get stressed out from what goes boom in the night, let me suggest the Tornado Lamp. Described as "visually soothing", the Tornado Lamp will "according to the catalogue, "provide hours of delightful, distracting diversion." For \$45, you can watch whirling beads form a multi-colored vortex while you relax.

Who says you can't do anything about the weather? How about wearing it? For \$66, you can buy the weather tie. Designed by a meteorologist and hand painted by artist Joanna Ciechowski, these weather ties display tornadoes and hurricanes.

There are hundreds of other gift ideas including the Illuminated Umbrella. It looks and acts like an ordinary umbrella, except this one stands out on a rainy night. Thanks to three batteries, the acrylic shaft lights up in white, red or green. It costs \$32.

The catalogue has a variety of books, posters and calendars, too. One of my favorites is the MoonShine Calendar. No, it doesn't tell you the best time to brew some homemade booze, but it does display the phases and times of the moon throughout the year on reflective film. Each crescent, quarter and full moon is a miniature mirror creating a dazzling show of light. It's only \$16.95.

There are lots of other items to choose from but I'm afraid I don't have time to tell you about all of them. As I said earlier, I'm running out of time. The Wind and Weather catalogue can be ordered by calling 1-800-922-0463.



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TRIMEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

Diabetic Foot Disease: What Is It?

News USA

(NU) - An estimated 54,000 lower extremity amputations take place each year among people with diabetes. Many could be prevented by good personal management of diet, hygiene, exercise and professional foot care.

Foot problems are the cause of 20 percent of diabetic hospitalizations, many of which end in amputations. The trauma of amputation is particularly debilitating, often ending working careers, and restricting social life and independence.

Repeated stress in confining footwear can set up aggravation of the skin barrier which, once ignored or unrecognized, can encourage the progression of ulceration, infection, gangrene and amputation.

Ulceration is a common occurrence of the diabetic foot. Ulcers generally occur on the plantar surface of the foot, in the areas of greatest pressure between the walking surface and the foot.

Poorly fitted shoes, or something as seemingly trivial as a stitched seam in a shoe or sock, can create a wound which can become infected.

Regular visits to a doctor of podiatric medicine can help provide early recognition and treatment of diabetic foot disease.

For information on proper foot care for people with diabetes or other foot-care problems, call the American Podiatric Medical Association at 1-800-FOOTCARE (1-800-366-8227).

New Programs Fight Teen Drinking

(NU) - Concern for the growth of underage drinking in America has spawned a new focus on teens and the formation of several youth programs by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

Born out of MADD's Commission on Youth report released earlier this year, the new youth programs are designed to address the social, legal and economic conditions that contribute to underage drinking through school and community involvement.

Among the new programs, "Take the Lead," a multi-media presentation for schools, will arm young people with the information they need to battle underage drinking, drinking and driving.

Another program, MADD's National Youth Summit, will unite 435 young people with policy and decision-makers in Washington, D.C., this spring to discuss ways in which underage drinking and impaired driving can be stopped.

The central message in all the programs is that drinking alcohol is not a rite of passage for teens, but could instead be a passage to disabling injuries and death for them and thousands of their peers.

Alcohol is the most commonly used drug among young people in America.

The goal of MADD's new initiatives is to reduce the number of alcohol-related traffic fatalities among young people by 25 percent by the year 2001.

'Nit Picking' Can Be Made Less Tedious

News USA

(NU) - What's the most common "itchy" childhood malady besides "cold"? If the word "lice" popped into your head, you're right.

About 6 million children are infected in the United States every year. And the tiny insects aren't the only problem. It's the "nit picking" that usually defeats parents and kids alike.

A female louse can lay 150 eggs or nits in a month. The nits stick to the hair with the insect equivalent of epoxy, making removal difficult and even painful.

Most children can't return to school until the nits are gone. And getting rid of them also serves as an important marker: With no lice eggs in sight, you can usually assume you've ended the infestation.

How do you nitpick painlessly? Today, products are available to help with egg removal. One, Clear Lice Egg Remover, is a new naturally derived enzyme product that loosens nit glue in about three minutes.

Nits are only 0.5 mm to 0.8 mm in diameter, about the size of a period in this article. Clear egg remover hydrates the nit glue, making the tiny eggs appear larger, and facilitates removal.

The product is as safe to use as soap and water and contains no toxic lice-killing pediculicides.

It's available at drug stores. For a copy of a full-color brochure from Care Technologies with tips on fighting lice, call 1-800-783-1919.

Skin, Eye Care Products Ward Off Winter's Harsh Realities

News USA

(NU) - Whether you're dreading the long, cold winter months ahead or celebrating the beginning of ski season, frosty weather brings with it a number of health risks.

If you aren't careful, time spent outdoors can result in serious damage to your skin and eyes from both wind and sun. But when you retreat indoors, cold and flu bugs lie in wait. Fortunately, preparation and a few simple precautions can help you avoid these pitfalls and enjoy Jack Frost's stay.

"Insulating your skin against dry, damaging air means applying protective layers plus taking some simple steps to keep skin soft and supple," says Jane Martin-Wurward, founder of The International Dermal Institute, the leading postgraduate training facility for skin and body care therapists.

She suggests that, despite the chill, you refrain from taking hot showers, which can strip skin of its moisture.

To keep skin hydrated, apply water-soluble body oil after bathing, particularly on the areas prone to drying, or try Dermologica Body Hydrating Cream with hydrolyzed alics to make skin supple. (To find Dermologica products in your area, call 1-800-831-5150.)

Because of frequent exposure to the cold air, hands are usually the first to fall victim to the elements, becoming painfully dry, chafed and cracked. Dry skin also can be caused by indoor heating and frequent hand washing, a must during the winter "indoor germ" season since everything you touch can spread germs to your hands, making you more susceptible to illness.

To keep hands soft, healthy-looking and germ-free, dermatologists recommend vitamin E-enriched Keri Anti-Bacterial Hand Lotion. In addition to its moisturizing ingredients, it contains triclosan, which kills germs for up to 12 hours. Apply it every time you wash your hands to help prevent the spread of germs and keep your hands soft and smooth.

UV exposure during winter months can be deceiving. Strong sunbath dissipates, but cloud cover and fallen snow increase reflected UV rays up to 85 percent and a painful winter sunburn can result. To protect your face outdoors, Martin-Wurward suggests using a sunblock with an SPF of at least 15 for maximum protection from reflected and direct UV rays.

Ultra-violet rays can be damaging to the eyes as well as the skin. The eyes are particularly sensitive to UV damage because, unlike skin, they cannot regenerate themselves. So, you should always wear sunglasses or goggles when you're outside, and make sure that they block both UVA and UVB rays. If you wear contact lenses, you're in luck. Ask your eye care professional about Precision UV lenses from Wesley-Jessen, the only soft disposable contacts that block an average of 90 percent of harmful UV rays.

Whether you're on the slopes, shoveling off your driveway or bundled up in front of the television, remember to take the appropriate precautions to protect your entire body from the cold, dry air, wind, sun and germs as well.

Pointers For Parents

"Forget the ouch, Not the shot!"

(NAPS) - Tetanus shots are one of the most important immunizations children and adults can obtain. They protect you from tetanus, or "lockjaw," a serious and often fatal disease of the nervous system. Tetanus is caused by a toxin, the spores of which are found in soil and animal feces. Symptoms of the disease include severe muscle spasms and convulsions as well as difficulty in swallowing, limb stiffness, fever, headache and sore throat.



Infants in this country receive the vaccination in conjunction with the diphtheria and pertussis vaccines, known as "DTP." But adults often forget that they need tetanus vaccinations as well, every 10 years. If it's been longer than 10 years since your last tetanus shot, call your doctor today to schedule an appointment. And don't forget, if the pain that accompanies the shot is worrisome, ask for EMLA: a prescription anesthetic cream that must be applied 1-3 hours before the shot. EMLA numbs the skin, reducing the pain and making your experience more comfortable. Your child can have EMLA as well—and both of you can benefit from obtaining an important vaccine while forgetting the "ouch" of the needle.

Shriners' Volunteer Drivers Are All Heart

(NU) - Cody, a young boy living in eastern Kansas, has cerebral palsy. He also has some very special friends.

Cody needs regular visits to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in St. Louis to receive treatment for scoliosis and other orthopedic problems associated with cerebral palsy. When Cody needs to travel, his special friends happily take on the task—transporting Cody and his mother to the hospital.

Al Larson and T.J. Dickerson, Cody's special friends, are volunteer van drivers and members of the Shriners' Mirza Temple. They have logged more than 28,000 miles in 15 years of transporting patients to Shriners Hospitals for treatment. They have become so vital to Cody's life that he once refused to receive a shot at age 2 until Larson arrived in the room.

Thanks to the compassion of Larson, Dickerson and thousands of Shriners like them, hundreds of thousands of children have a chance at a better life.

For more information about Shriners Hospitals, call 1-800-237-5055.

Why Not Give Gift of Life—Blood

(NU) - During the holiday season we give special gifts to the people we care most about. But we may forget one of the most precious gifts that they — or we — may ever need: the gift of blood.

Blood cannot be purchased at the mall or ordered from a catalog. Yet hospitals must have enough blood "in stock" to meet the needs of their patients every day of the year.

Yet blood is often in short supply during and following major holidays. People don't realize how important it is to donate between mid-November and the end of January. It is a busy time, but it only takes an hour to give a gift that can save lives.

Consider starting a new holiday tradition with your family and friends.

Give blood together. Perhaps you can make it a New Year's resolution.

To schedule a convenient appointment to donate blood through the American Red Cross, call 1-800-448-3543. You must be at least 17 years old, in good health and weigh over 110 pounds to qualify as a donor.

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"My family and I have recently moved here from Pennsylvania. We are enjoying the weather and the lake with the great fishing and the friendly people of Belle Glade.

I've been driving by the Christmas display in front of the Belle Glade Library during the evening and I just wanted to tell whoever does

it that it is really pretty.

It's nice when in a town this size you can see such holiday spirit. My kids love it and it always brightens the evening when we pass by.

We just wanted to say 'thank you' and tell you that for transplants this helps us to not feel so far from home.

Thanks again."

Ask Dr. Boltson

Dr. David Boltson is a licensed psychologist in private practice in Lake Worth and Director of the Positively Speaking Counseling and Planning Center in Belle Glade.



Dr. David Boltson

Holiday Fear

As Christmas and New Year's approach, many look forward to spiritually enriching moments with family and friends. When another rewarding year has passed, it can be wonderful to reflect back with loved ones, and look forward with excitement to greater blessings ahead.

Unfortunately, the rosy scene just described will not be experienced by many. It is quite typical for people to become depressed and filled with dread during the holiday season. Whether you are single, married, or divorced; real life for many does not often measure up to the ideal Christmas experienced by Jimmy Stewart in "It's a Wonderful Life." Most folks are not fortunate enough to have a whole town publicly praise their worthiness as human beings. There are many people living alone who either don't have living family members, or won't see family members over the holidays. They will get validation from no one.

The holiday season can actually bring a sense of dread for lonely people. The perfect Christmases that are ubiquitous throughout the entertainment media, are just entertainment - they are not reality for most folks. People fear they will have lonely unwinding holidays, and their fears often come true.

So what can you do to avoid or minimize holiday fear?

1. Be realistic. Notwithstanding TV movies, there is no reason to expect your life to be any better (or worse) just because it is the end of December. Don't set yourself up for disappointment with exaggerated or unrealistic expectations for holiday bliss.

2. Involve yourself socially whenever you can. Attend church or temple. Go to holiday events at work or in the community. Join a hobby or social club. Take adult education classes.

3. If you are disappointed with aspects of your life, don't wallow in self-pity. The process of identifying problem areas can be used as a catalyst for change. Set realistic goals and develop a plan for improving your life. That is, come up with a detailed work plan for implementing your New Year's resolutions. Write down your change plan. Discuss it with others. The more effort you put into spelling out ways of achieving your goals, the more likely you are to follow through with change.

4. Be easy on yourself. If you haven't made numerous mistakes throughout your life, you haven't been alive. As has been said, "to err is human." You may not be a Gandhi or Mother Teresa, but you ain't Hitler, either. Admit your good points to yourself as easily as you are willing to acknowledge your bad ones.

5. Exercise - It is good for the mind, body and soul.

6. Rent "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" from your video store. It will make you laugh and help you see that having a lot of family members around isn't always all it's cracked up to be!

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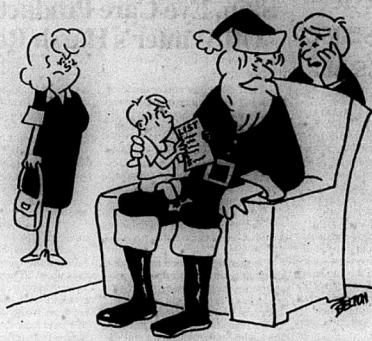
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Don't let crime ruin your holidays

The Florida Sheriffs Association of Tallahassee offers the following safety and crime prevention tips during the holiday season.

The shopping, gift-wrapped packages, the travel and parties. Even criminals look forward to the holidays because it provides them with opportunities to take advantage of you!

Criminals realize that the spirit of the holidays often distracts people - making them prime targets for burglars, muggers, and pickpockets. Crooks know that the holidays are an opportune time to commit their crimes.

To keep you and your family safe during the holidays, we've surveyed Florida's Sheriffs in an effort to collect the best crime-prevention tips to practice during the holidays. Celebrate safely this season by following these tips at home, while shopping and when you're out for the evening:

Secure your home:

- To deter burglars who might be tempted by a Christmas tree decorated with glittering gifts, make sure that wrapped packages are not in full view of a window or glass door. Consider using empty boxes wrapped in pretty paper for decoration, and store the valuable wrapped items safely in a locked closet.

- When you're away, use an automatic timer for your lights.

- If traveling for an extended time, ask your neighbor to watch your home, keep your yard, and park in your driveway from time to time.

- Don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped while you're gone.

- If you're going out for the evening, turn on a light or two, a radio or television so it appears that someone is home.

- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows, even if it's just for a quick trip to the convenience store.

- Stay alert and be aware of people and activity around you.

- Park in a well-lit place, and be sure to lock the car, close the windows and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible.

- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers by being extra careful with purses and wallets by carrying purses close to your body, not by dangling straps. Men should carry their wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.

- If you're shopping with the kids, teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.

Beware of strangers at your door:

- Since criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts, ask for identification first. If there is any doubt, get a phone number and call for verification before opening the door.

- Don't be taken by con artists collecting for bogus charities. Ask how the funds will be used. If you aren't satisfied with the answers, don't donate. Consider helping a familiar charity.

It's time we got rid of teacher tenure

By Mark W. Merrill

President to Florida Family Council

Education Commissioner Frank Brogan has proposed a reform to our educational system that is causing quite an outcry by his opponents. His idea is to get rid of teacher tenure. And, based on the state of public education in Florida, I think it's about time. After all, we build schools to educate our children, not to provide jobs for bad teachers.

No feature of academic life is defended more fiercely than tenure. About 100,000 of the state's 130,000 public school teachers have "Professional Service Contracts" that grant tenure after three years of successful service. Tenure was originally instituted at colleges and universities to protect independence in research and thought. Elementary and secondary school teachers received it only this century. Educators proclaim that it protects teachers so they are free to seek, discover and teach without interference. Without it, freedom of speech would be squelched, they argue.

Whenever defenders of tenure justify its existence, they mention its alleged value solely as it relates to the employment of teachers. They never seem to think of any benefits it provides for the education of children: It may be a nice policy for some teachers, but that is no reason to keep a policy in place. As Thomas Sowell points out in his book *Inside American Education*: "By this kind of reasoning, one could justify monarchy on the grounds that it benefits kings. The real test of tenure, as of monarchy, is how it performs as a system serving public purposes."

Since today, we have broad laws protecting freedom of speech and expression, the traditional defense of tenure no longer makes sense. It is unnecessary. But even worse, tenure is a chief contributor to the education crisis we have in the state today.

The fact is, tenure has not served the public education system well. Tenure creates an environment where there is simply no incentive to be a good teacher. Pay and promotion depend on such things as seniority and additional education-course credits amassed during the "summers." Thus, serving time is what is rewarded, not teaching excellence. Even the former presi-

dent of the American Federation of Teachers, Al Shanker, admits the system is skewed: "People are paid for coming in the morning and leaving at night, and for saying 'Good morning' in the morning and 'Good afternoon' in the afternoon and never confusing the two." He proposes some reforms that would create "market incentives" in the teaching profession.

If a bad teacher gets into the system today and receives tenure after three years, it is nearly impossible to get rid of that teacher. Only truly egregious cases are likely to lead to attempts at dismissal. The reason is simple: it can cost a fortune. According to Broward County school official Ronald Wright, it can take two to three years, and \$20,000 to \$60,000 in legal fees, to complete all the hearings required to fire a bad teacher.

A more common solution is to simply transfer the teacher to another school. This ensures that, in those communities with very active and vocal parents, teachers can be drummed out. But where do they end up? According to Edwin Bridges in his groundbreaking book *The Incompetent Teacher*, they usually end up in low-income and minority schools, condemning students to poor education. The practice of transferring bad teachers has become so common it has been given several nicknames: "the turkey trot" and "the dance of the lemons."

Tenure creates an inward kind of thinking that is more focused on the comfort of the peo- ple who run the system than the public that it is supposed to serve. We need to reform the tenure system in the state to better serve our children. Under the current system, some individuals may indeed become outstanding teachers for individual reasons, but there is no institutional impetus to do so.

Commissioner Brogan's proposal calls for eliminating tenure for all new public school teachers starting July 1, 1997, and giving them an annual or multi-year contract not to exceed three years. Utah has already adopted a similar system, and other states are considering it. It would do well to create a system for giving teachers institutional incentives to perform their jobs more effectively. Remember, our schools exist for the sake of our children, not as a source of guaranteed employment.

Belle Glade Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 626 complaints and worked 17 crime scenes the week of December 9-15. Those arrested included:

December 9 - Charles Bailey, violation of probation; **Tashia Davis**, 22, aggravated assault; **Erick Brown**, 26, uttering a forgery and attempted grand theft; **Juan Gutierrez**, 19, failure to appear.

December 10 - Ulysses Iverson, 45, domestic battery, corruption by threat, battery on a law enforcement officer.

December 11 - Adeline Jean, 42, retail theft.

December 12 - Alfred Nixon,

36, contempt of court; **Juvenile**, 15, failure to appear and aggravated battery.

December 13 - Elbert Barber, 39, violation of probation; **Hedra Francilme**, 31, aggravated assault; **Kenneth McFarland**, 37, possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana and possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

December 14 - Juvenile, 13, grand theft auto and contempt of court; **Rose Mere Belize**, 18, aggravated domestic battery; **Darlene Johnson**, 35, contempt of court; **Willie Gray**, 28, failure to appear; **Charles McGrady**, 51, aggravated domestic assault and two counts of domestic battery.

December 15 - Patty White, 37, possession of cocaine; **Pedro Morales**, 48, two counts of failure to appear.

The police news in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know.

We will confirm the information and print it.

Charges dropped
Court records show that adjudication was withheld in the case against **Lanette Letha Anderson**, who was charged with retail theft on November 20, 1996.



FIRST PLACE WINNER in the float division for the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade last week was Great Lakes Chemicals of Belle Glade. This is the Great Lakes Chemicals float...not the one shown as their float in last week's edition of *The Sun*.

West Tech donates toys

West Technical Education Center students have donated two boxes of Christmas toys for needy children in the area as part of their first T.O.Y.S. drive (T.O.Y.S. stands for Toys for Our Youngsters from Students).

The toys will be distributed to children in the local area by Catholic Charities of Belle Glade.

The toy drive was promoted by numerous posters created by STAR students and placed throughout the campus as well as daily announcements.

To keep the spirit of giving,

the faculty has donated special gifts that were given away to students as part of Santa's drawing held on December 18.

Prizes included a car wash, West Technical Education Center T-shirts, cosmetology services and lunch passes.



PBCC will be closed for the holidays
Palm Beach Community College will be closed Dec. 23 through Jan. 1 for semester break. The college will re-open Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Chambers have S.F. Fair tickets
The Belle Glade and Pahokee Chambers have South Florida Fair tickets on sale. The 1997 South Florida Fair, featuring the "O Canada" exposition, will begin January 17 and end Feb. 2.

Advance ticket prices include adult admission for \$5. Child admission (5-11) for \$2 and a three day pass for \$12. Ride book tickets are also \$10 and provide unlimited rides on January 17 and January 20 only.

Chamber hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Head start has limited number of openings for 4-year-old children
Head Start of Palm Beach County has a limited number of openings for children who are four years of age.

Your child must have turned four on or before Sept. 1, 1996 to be eligible.

"Three centers in the Glades area are ready to serve you," says Larry Helmich, Family Service Specialist IV. Call him or Maggie Hodges or Ulanda Thompson at 996-9708 for further information.

PBCC Winter Term registration under way
Registration for winter term at Palm Beach Community College is currently under way for new and currently enrolled students and continues through January 3. Classes begin January 6, 1997.

For further information, contact the PBCC Glades Campus at 992-3055.

Children welcome
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Over 700 people attended the annual Tri-City League Barbecue last Friday at the Belle Glade Marina. Shown is Paula Price, secretary at the Belle Glade Police Department, dishing up food for the many officials and guests from the municipalities around the state.

Induction held for new sorority members

The Glades Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., held an induction ceremony, Wednesday, Nov. 27 for 21 ladies of the Glades community as "candidates for membership" of the sisterhood of Delta Sigma Theta.

Candidates for membership participating in the ceremony included Cosha Jackson, Rita Adams, Irene Clay, Cecelia Alexander, Tracey Butler, Denise Smith, Johnetta Scott, Dashaun Jasper, Gwen John-

son, Latree Hubbard, Catherine Horace, Angela Thomas, Bernice Perico, Melvye Lockett, Carlisette Kyles, Delores Mayes, Sarah Donaldson, Yolanda Smith, Valerie Stinson, Inger Cheves and Tina Jefferson.

The Glades Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., sponsored two days of workshops, fun and spiritual togetherness for the 21 candidates who were inducted for membership.

The event was held at the

Comfort Inn, West Palm Beach on Dec. 9-10.

Sorority members attending the workshops were: Gloria Boldin, Cynthia Harrell, Myrtle Coulton, Mary Rainey, Rachel Glover, Lavonne Smith, Dorothy Rhodes, Mona King, Earlene McLemore, Cathy Davis, Brenda McCall, Gail Perry, Annie Hill, Clarissa Davis, Linda Earsley, Lucille Fletcher, Betty Page, Dorothy Vereen, Alzora Chious, Vernita Hale, Ruby Rutledge, Clara Brown and Patricia Canty.

Winners announced for the Pahokee Chamber Christmas lighting contest

Officials of the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce spent two and a half hours touring the city to determine the winners of this year's Christmas decorating contest.

The winners are as follows:

Best residential:
1. Mr. & Mrs. Phil Provenza
2. Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kennedy
3. Mr. & Mrs. Jason Stone

Honorable mention: John-

ny Mullins

Best religious:
1. James & Louise Sneed
2. Canal Point United Methodist Church
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Best commercial:
1. Caro's Hair Barn
2. Little Big Foot Boutique

Best Christmas Spirit:
1. Mary Brown, Seminole

Court
2. Kenneth Hyslope
3. Gloria Burroughs Rock

Honorable mention: St. Mary Catholic Church

Most Unique:
1. Rev. & Mrs. Ronnie Jones
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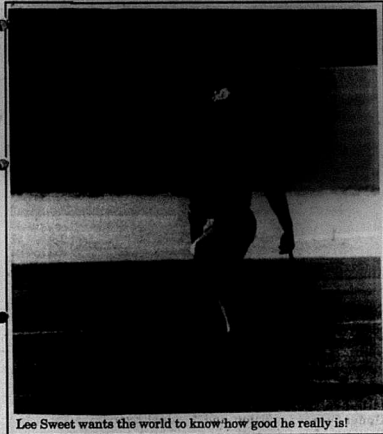
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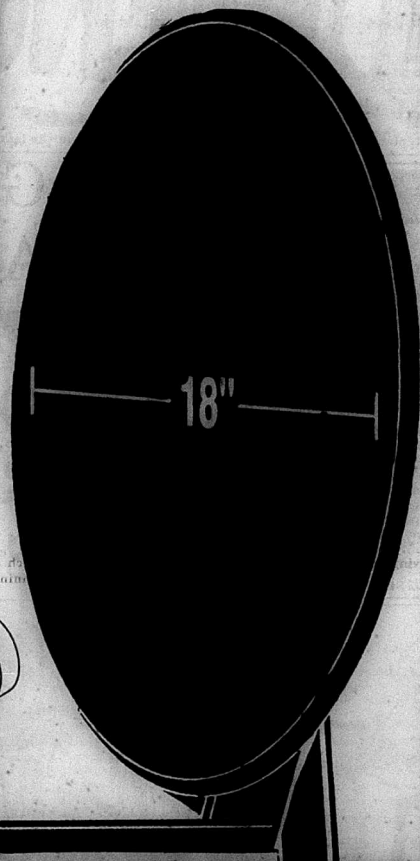
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Glades Central's Thespians Win at District One-Act Play Festival

The Glades Central Thespians Troupe 2462 won top honors at the District One-Act Play Festival this week.

They competed with 17 other schools from Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie counties. Their play, "Living On" by Lois Roach is a play about the effect that AIDS has on the families of its victims. The actors' "Critic's Choice" award is the top honor given to a play.

Director Sarah Bennett and Co-Sponsor Robert Bennett took the cast Thursday and Friday to PBCO North Campus for the competition.

"This play has meaning and depth to it, and this cast was wonderful in their emotional understanding of the loss that families must feel, the decisions young people have to make, and the agony patients will suffer," said Mrs. Bennett.

The cast consists of Lonette Bolden, Kerone Wint, Raymond Hamilton, Lindsay Bennett, Brian Edgcomb, Cesar Ponce, Steve Sneed, Antonia King, Sandy-Ann Dunkley, John Mullins, Dwight Forde, Lloren Dowdell, and Cecilia Heburn. Brian Edgcomb was selected from the cast of "Living On" as Best Actor to be

noted in the All Star Cast also. "We felt this was an important play to do because as a quote from the play says, 'AIDS ain't no joke...you need to be careful. Things ain't what they used to be. It's not easy out here.'"

"We don't want to see any person dying of AIDS due to lack of education about the disease."

The troupe will consider doing a performance group or play for community groups or other schools. Please contact Mrs. Bennett at Glades Central for further information about times and prices.

Navy News

Navy Hospitalman Apprentice Ronald W. Brian, son of James W. and Debra A. Brian of 125 N.W. Anek Avenue, recently graduated from Field Medical Service Technician Course at Field Medical Service School, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

During the seven week course, Brian learned how to operate with Marine Corps combat units as a Navy hospital corpsman or dental technician. Brian learned the specifics of battlefield survival and personal protective measures. He also learned the basic infantry tactics and how to use weapons for self defense.

To graduate, Brian was required to demonstrate basic proficiency in emergency medical techniques, casualty evacuation, field sanitation and preventive medicine procedures. Brian's depend on Navy corpsmen and dental technicians like Brian to provide quality medical care when serving around the world.

As a graduate of the Field Medical Service School, Brian demonstrates his

tremendous ability to excel in a naval force of more than 400,000 men and women. Whether assigned to ships, squadrons or shore commands around the world, men and women like Brian are making a difference as they work to improve their knowledge and skill as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

The 1995 graduate of Glades Central Community High School joined the Navy in October 1995.

Navy Seaman Recruit Lanorris W. Singletary, son of Brenda Collins of 846 Padgett Circle, Pahokee, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois.

During the eight week program, Singletary completed a variety of naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis is also placed on physical fitness.

Singletary and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's

core values—honor, courage and commitment—and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. Singletary joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country.

Men and women train together from their first day in the Navy just as they do aboard ships and at shore command around the world. To reinforce the team concept, Singletary and other recruits were also trained in preventing sexual harassment and ensuring equal opportunity.

Even as the naval service gets smaller and smaller over the next few years, highly motivated young people like Singletary are still finding an opportunity to improve their knowledge and education as they become part of the most highly technical naval forces in history. This year alone, the Navy will have over 57,000 job openings and opportunities, most of which include guaranteed training. Singletary is a 1996 graduate of Pahokee High School.

Three Local Cross Country Athletes Qualify For National Cross Country Meet

Three young ladies from the Glades area qualified for U.S.A. Track & Field Junior Olympic National Cross Country Meet to be held in Lexington, Kentucky on December 14, 1996.

To be eligible to compete in

Nationals, the girls had to race in Walt Disney World, Orlando.

Soila Konciellah, a nine year old in the Bantam division, ran a time of 13:34 and received 3rd place for her efforts.

Geneeka Morris, also nine years old, ran a time of 14:12 and received 10th place in her division.

Anita Perkins, an eleven year competing in the Midget division, ran a time of 11:34 and received 2nd place.



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Released just in time for the holidays, Disney's **THE TOY STORY**, hailed as one of the "year's best movies" in 1995 by more than 40 critics, and nominated for three Academy Awards, is already proving to be one of the most popular items this holiday season. Starring Tom Hanks and Tim Allen as the voices of Woody, the pull-string cowboy, and Buzz Lightyear, the new toy in town, this movie is certain to have kids and adults alike laughing straight into the New Year.

Along with this fun-filled whimsical tale, let Disney fill your home with the magic of song by introducing **101 DALMATIANS: PONGO AND PERDITA**, a brand new addition to its popular line of sing-along songs, which features the delightful dogs from the new live-action feature **101 DALMATIANS**. Also available this year is the toe-tapping **JINGLE BELLS ROCK**, an all-new video starring Milton Berle, that teaches Santa's elves and children the true meaning of Christmas.

Round out the holiday season with perennial favorites including **MIKEY'S CHRISTMAS CAROL**, **THE SANTA CLAUSE** and **SPY'S MAGICAL CHRISTMAS**. All available from Disney, these movies will make great stocking stuffers and are sure to bring the calming joy of warmth and laughter into an otherwise hectic holiday household.



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Holiday Gift Idea: A Santa Salt Box

by Harry Wicks

(NAPS) - A Santa salt box can be placed almost anywhere in the home to add to the holiday festivities. Use the box to collect and display holiday cards, or decorate it with evergreen needles and ornaments.

The holiday salt box is an ideal item to sell at craft fairs. Well-made hand-crafted items also are appreciated as gifts, and it is more personal when it comes from your shop rather than the mall.

The project requires very little stock and it is inexpensive to produce. Find a picture of an old fashioned Santa. Copy the design onto transfer paper. Then outline the pattern onto the wood. You quickly should be able to cut and assemble the parts.

After cutting the parts to finish size, the box is test-assembled without glue. It then is disassembled for final smoothing and painting. It is easier to paint the Santa before putting the box together.

Some building tips:
• Proper sanding of the surfaces is very important. Raw wood should be sanded to at least the 150-grit sandpaper before applying paint or finish. Between coats sanding requires grits ranging from 180 to 220.
• One of my favorite sanding methods for projects is to use 3M sanding sponges. These are available in several grit combinations, from coarse through fine (two different grits are on each sponge). Rub with the medium side, then flip over the sponge and finish sanding with the fine grit surface.

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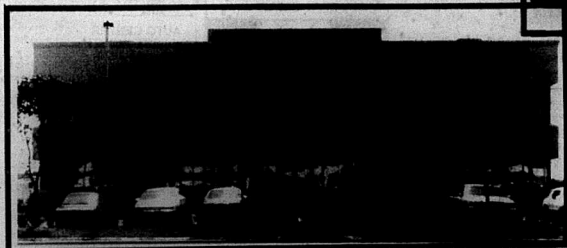
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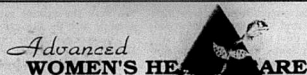
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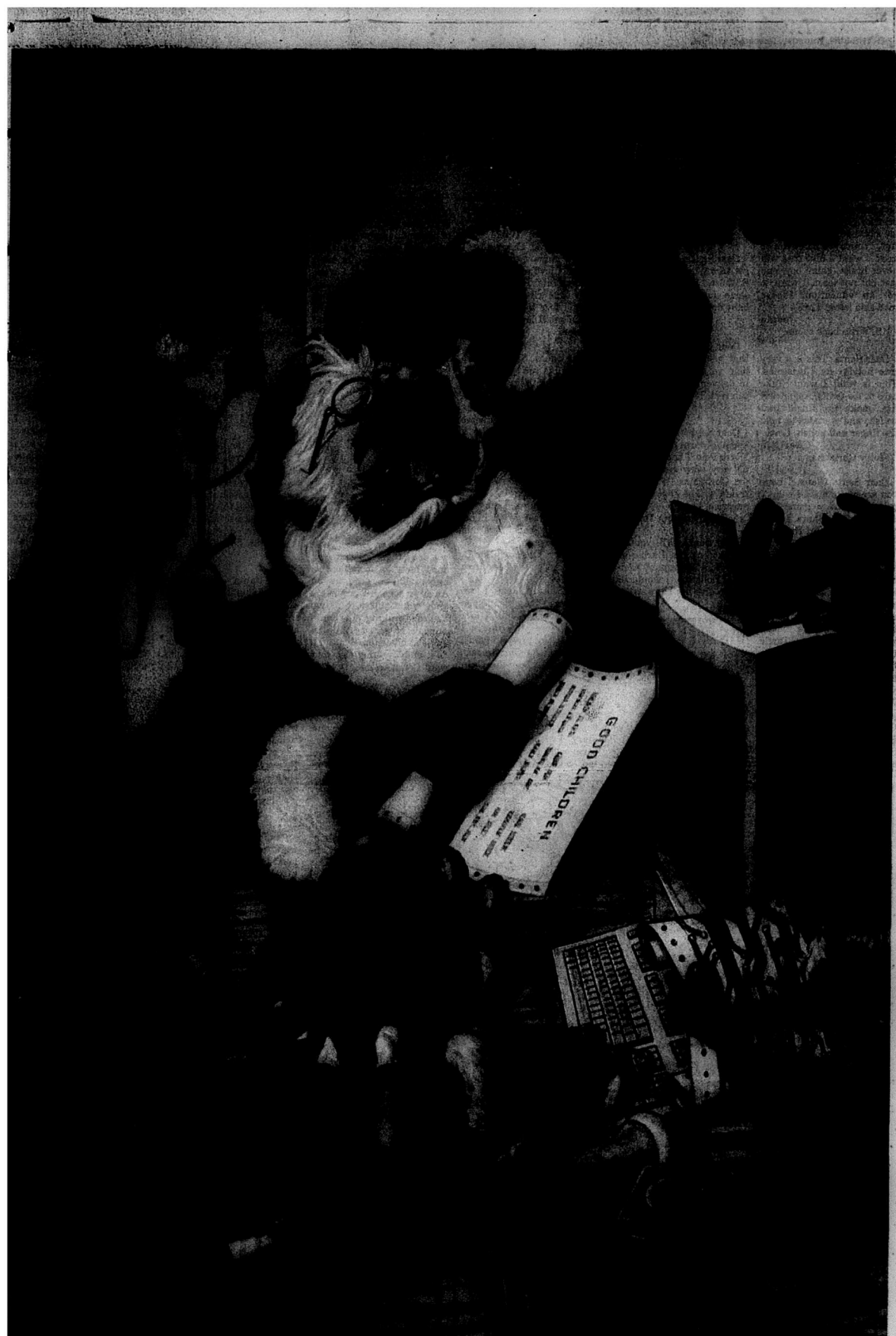
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Jesula
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Dear Santa, This is a very nice holiday for Christmas. This is what I want: Take care of me twins, finger nail fun, make up, finger nail polish, and a stand to hold the finger nail polish. Love,
Charlicia
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you are not to busy, I want a computer and a game boy. And I love you Santa. Love,
Simon Putman

Dear Santa Claus, I wish you can get me a Nintendo 64, and may you get me killer instatn 2 gold, some speed skates, and a go car, and a speed bike, and a puppy that walks, and a battle ship, some real Ninja Turtle Clothes, the Purple Ninja Clothes. When Christmas comes I'm going to make your milk and cookies. Please Santa Claus, could you get all this stuff just for Christmas? One time, Please Santa Claus. I Love Santa.

Tarell Ball

Dear Santa, I hope you are warm as a big nice bear. Santa, take your elves to get me a computer and a Nintendo 64. I will be looking at you Santa. Beware of my do Santa, he is going to be near the table. Love,

Duralon

Dear Santa, I hope you can get to my house safe at 564 S.W. 6st. I hope you leave me some skates, a bicycle, and a baby doll. Love,

Jessica Boone

Dear Santa Claus, I wish that you have a nice elf to help yo go down Chimneys to deliver toys so your wife can rest.

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Dear Santa, Will you give me shopping fun Barbie and kelly for Christmas? And a lot of dolls too. I would like you to give my baby sister a



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Dear Santa, I like your hat. It is red and white. I want a game named Street hockey. I love toys with men in the game. I Said "Cool" every time when he scored a point. I love to skate in the road alone. I love Santa and my mom.

Jeremy

Dear Santa, Santa Claus I would like you to get me 18 toys. One of them is a talking bike. I would like to get a racing car that could jump, and I would like to get some sakes, and I would like a computer. Love,

James Mills

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Jessica Brown

Dear Santa, If you're dead, or not dead and you're alive or in your spirit, I want lots of presents. I know you don't come on 6 str. but I want you to come on 6 street for me. I love you Santa and i want you to come to my house. Will you do it for me Santa. Here is my address: 699 S.W. 6 s.t. #2. Santa, if your dead please tell god to let my fam-



ily live forever. But, if your not dead then forget it, you don't have to do it for me. Santa, I'll be good as an Angel in school. I promise. I know what you're thinking. You're thinking I should promise to be good like an angle at home too. Santa, I'll do it and anything else your want Count on me. Love,

Latrice

Dear Santa, I want to see your reindeer. Your a part of my family cause you buy me toys. I want a Reading computer, jewelry take care of me twins. My mom buys me clothes and shoes. Love,

Chelsey

Dear Santa, I hope you are warm in your red suit. I am sorry that your broke your leg when you were on the roof. You may be in a storm but don't be in the storm. I wish for a skate board to ride on. If you do not have time to make a skate board I wish for a robot to play with. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Love,

Jerry Saintfleur

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you find a way to get in my house because I don't have a chimney on my house so that's why. I hope to get rollerblades and a hockey stick with a hockey puck. If you do not have very much

time, have the biggest poem book. Love,

Kerrouillio

Dear Santa Claus, I want any girl toys and games too. I want a computer. Do you have lots of elves? Are you and your wife warm and nice sitting by the fireplace? Remember what to get me. Love,

Jessica Brown

Mrs. and Mr. Claus, I hope you are happy. I know what you care about many Families and people and i wish that you are hot as the sun. I hope your elves are happy too. I know you are tired. Love,

Jonerio Dukes

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Claus, I wish that you have a nice elf to help you. I want you to try to fix my sisters doll. It's a cabbage patch. It eats food and it goes in the book bag. I love Christmas and I hope you have a very good Christmas. Love,

Marshall

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you and your Elves are very busy making the world presents. I have been naughty and nice. I didn't know you were dead but now I know that you live with my Lord. and my great granny who died in Palms West Hospital. Please look on the list I am making for you. I want a bike with the radio to go with it, take care of my twins, A baby dool head that has every thing to go with it. Rollerblades skates, shoes, clothes and jewelry. I wish I can come to the North Pole one day. Love,

Stephonda Thomas

Dear Santa Claus, What I want for Christmas is a bald head baby doll and a name plate with my name on it. My name is LoRhonda. I also want some clothes, and I want a jersey. I hope you get to my home safe. It is 528 S. W. 10 Street. Love,

LoRhonda Nicole Booth

Dear Santa Claus, I wish I had a doll house. Can you get it for me please? I wish I had a easy bake oven. I love you very much Santa Claus.

have pretty shoes. I hope I get a computer for christmas. I hope I see you. I like you Santa Cookie Surprise Story. I like when they boy thought that you didn't bring him anything but I know you were going to bring him something. Love,

Erica Smith

Dear Mrs. and Mr. Claus, I'm writing my list. It is long, so do the best you can. I've got to have new air max, And I want a new ring, an give me something else. Give me a new pc and don't forget to tell Mrs. Clause to sew up your jacket. Love,

Billy Spear

Dear Santa, I know you're busy getting all our toys ready. Let me tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a monster Dr. and a tyco. RC I saw a movie a boat you and your elves. Tell you wife I said "Hi", I know you are cold. Well I am as cold as a penguin. I didn't get much last Christmas. This Christmas me and my sister has toys in cleslin Plan Beach. I hope I see you the night of Christmas. I love you Santa. By your Kiddo,

Lavaris

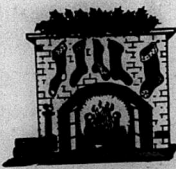
Dear Santa Clause, I want a toy car, and I want a pet Dog, and i want a good Christmas. my mom wants books and my brother wants everything I get. And I love you so much. By,

Fritzner Joseph

Dear Santa, I hope you don not forget to come to my home for Christmas. I want an easy bake oven, and a toy car, and a pair of shoes, and a dear diary. Froh,

Crystal Pierre

Dear Santa Claus, I wish I



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that you have the toys I want. I wish I have a big house with a pool in it. Thank you Santa Claus. I wish my sister will get an easy bake oven too. And skates for me and my sister, we want 4 wheels. And my brother wants a big toy van to ride in. Thank you for it. By,

Arnetta Denise Brown

Dear Santa Claus, I wish for a doll house with doll people, and fake pool, and room where to sleep at, and I wish for a bike with speed. Love,

Gena Henry

Dear Santa, I want a sega

you get me one. And a dog and a bank. It is time for me to go now. Merry Christmas, **Jimmie Smith**

Dear Santa, I wonder if you can bring my mom a necklace that she can put on her neck, and bring my dad a ring and bring me a game gear, nd bring my sister a baby doll, and bring my brothers a game boy. By, **Richard Ford**

Dear Santa, I hope you don't miss my hous on Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Please don't mis my house. Bring me a computer, bike and a doll. Love,

Shanae

Dear Santa, I hope you're not to busy because all I really want for christmas is my cousin Vanessa. She said if we don't see each other she will send some money. I miss her. She writes me all of the time. I love her. Oh, and a Barbie, and foot in pajamas, and a watch, and my family together.

Lasandra Highsmith

Dear Santa Claus, I wonder if you are warm in the North Pole. Well, it is cold in Belle Glade, Florida. I want books for Christmas and lots of games. Merry Christmas Santa. From,

Samantha

Dear Santa, I hope you are keeping yourself warm and hot. I wish I get a game boy and a bat. Thank you Santa for giving me these toys. I will see you at Christmas. From,

Kentan

Dear Santa Claus, I wonder if you are keeping warm up there. I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a bike. Merry Christmas,

Freshandra Willis

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you are keeping warm up there in the North Pole. I know you must be very busy getting the list of people's names to give to the people and put the toys under the tree. how are your reindeer doing rite now? And the elves? I want a computer, and a desk that I can write on, and clothes and reading book, and a clip to go in my hair.

Tresha

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you are feeling well because I'm very well. Do you know what I want? Well I will tell

you. I want a Nintendo 64, and a name plate, and ring, a boom box radio, and skates, fila shoes, Air nikie and clothes and some ear-phones. Love little elf. You friend,

Lashawnda Woodley

Dear Santa Claus, I hope that you give me two presents because I want one photo where you are to hang it up in my room. And, I want to see what you will give me. I want to see it now. I want it for everyone of us. I am nine years old. Lovely Santa Clause I am Ana Gomes Martines. I live at: 501 NW 17 St Belle Glade Fla. 33430

Ana Gomez Martinez

Dear Santa, I hope you don't forget to come my house. I want a fourwheeler motor cycle, and a race care and a nintendo sixty four. and some tapes for my game, and a toy story game tape. Love,

Armaad

Dear Santa, I hope you stop at my house because I want a care for my twins baby dolls and a name plate, let's go fishing, perfection and mouse trap. I hope you see my paper and get me everything I want. Love,

Venteria

Dear Santa, I hope you are happy that Christmas is



coming. I am. I hope you are warm up North. There is something I want to tell you. I am not going to ask you for too many things. I want a doll, and doll clothes, and a big doll house, and a computer. Love

Angel Nix

Dear Santa Claus, I would like for you to bring me a computer, and a bicycle and a dog, and I hope you are careful. Have a Happy Day for Christmas. By,

Javanus Williams

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you are happy up in the North Pole. I want to know if you are going to come to my

house. I've been a little bad for not doing what my grandma says, but I will not be bad anymore. Santa, I want a computer with the Barbie disk and a Barbie with it.

Taneshia Laple

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you are warm still. For Christmas I want a computer and a race car with control. Your elevs are working very hard I know to bring me the computer, and the race car. I hope you and the elevs have a happy Merry Christmas and have a happy day. Mostly I want a bike for Christmas.

Juan Garcia

Dear Santa, I hope you still know that I love you and I hope you still love me

too! I hope I get some Christmas toys. I want a toy that has finger nails. Merry Christmas. **Love, Hernisha**



drum, and my nameplate. **Love, Mercedes**

Dear Santa, I hope that you are happy because I am happy too. Well, I hope you bring me a computer please. That's all I want. Have a good day.

Love, Thermidar

Kerline

Dear Saint Nicholas, my name is Tana Zane and I hope you are ready for what I want. Well, I would like a doll, cat, dog, car and pool. That's what I would like.

Love you always, Tana Zane

Dear Santa, I wish for a computer, and a nice baby doll, and a pretty bike, and pretty skates.

Love, Eralc Smith

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Dear Santa, for Christmas I want a four wheeler and a Macintosh computer. I will also like a mustang remote control car, and a pair of nike air shoes.

Isaiah Escorcira

Dear Santa, I hope you are warm in the North Pole and would you bring me a computer with a mouse and some drums?

Love, James, Merry Christmas



Dear Santa, I want a new drum set, and a baby pit bull, a new game boy, and a trip to the North Pole, and a basketball goal, and I will leave a shrimp boat out for you to eat.

DeMarcus Dixon

Dear Santa, I hope that when Christmas has past you will have something to do like playing with yourself. What did you give to yourself? If you did not give yourself a present then I hope when you come to my house I will give you one.

Andrew Davis

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you give me my computer. I want you to give me my fingernail fun. Me and my sister will play with my fingernail fun and my computer. I want a doll and I will make my mother a party. I will make my father a bear.

Love, Glennisha

Dear Santa, I would like a computer to write my story. My story is for Santa. Santa I would like some roller blades, and a bike and lost of presents.

Love, Desmond

Dear Santa, I want a bicycle for Christmas. If you get it I will be so happy. I hope my mom tells you went I want. I want a bicycle.

Kennetra Mosley

Dear Santa Claus, I want a bike and I want Mortal Combat 3, and I want a big radio.

Tyronne Patterson

Dear Santa, I want a football jacket, and a racing car that will go up and down, and a football with cowboys, and a basketball with Grant Hill, and a bike that talks.

Love, Rupert

Dear Santa Claus, I am getting a ring, and a go car, and a new pair of shoes, and some clothes, and some movies, and a super nintendo.

Love Rayquan

Dear Santa, I want a football and a stopwatch. I want a cat and a dog, and I want a doughnut and I want a pen for my mama, and Santa my shop, and whistle, and a truck and the radio. And I want a hammer, and the clock and a crown.

Love Jarvis

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you are going to bring me Civil Buzz Lightyear and a Woody, and a Batman and a toy Santa Claus.

Love, Sammy Sims, I love Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus.

Dear Santa, I hope you bring me and my cousin a bike. Because my cousin loves to go on sixth street. I said, "you have a boyfriend." She said, "I have a boyfriend on sixth street." I said, "what is his name?" She said, "his name is Travis." Love Ronisha

Dear Santa, I've been a good boy. I would like a game, and some skates, and some dogs, and some toys.

Love, Luke Thompson

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you can make it to my house on Christmas night. I really need that doll in that Fingerhut book with the bottle and all the baby stuff. And I hope I was good this year.

Love, Roshandra Reddick

Dear Mr. Santa Claus and Mrs. Santa Claus, I wish I could get a yack back, and skates, and my own room. And I wish for a Nintendo 64. And Mrs. Santa Claus, I hope your elves don't eat a



lot so they can work on my toys. I hope your wife is feeling good.

Johnisha

GLADES DAY SCHOOL,

Mrs. West's Class

Dear Santa, I want an R-Zone Superscreen, another Nerf gun, and most of all a Sony Playstation, but I also want

you to take toys to all the children that don't have any reason to be happy about Christmas.

I'd also like you to bring my big brother, Eric, his #1 present a four-wheeler.

Love, Jeffrey Edwards P.S. Please get me a Cell-phone.

Dear Santa, I want shoes and a purse that is pretty and also "like-dresses" for my mom and me for church and church shoes for my mom. I want a new bike that has a radio on it, I also want 1,000 dollars and for my mom, a glass angel and for my dad a new car that works.

Love, Alina Alonso

Dear Santa, I would like Roller blades, a couch potato remote, a 20 gage shotgun, a sega genesis, nintendo 64, Super game boy, a 100 dollars, the whole Florida Gator's autographs and a stopwatch that's water proof.

Love, Russell Pate

Dear Santa, I would like a beeper, some candy and a pretty dress, with dress shoes, a kitty with its name Orco (I want it black & white). For my mom I would like for you to get her any kind of jewelry. For my dad I would like for you to get him a Florida State hat. For my brother a Miami Hurricane hat. And for my dog a big bone. The biggest one you have ever seen.

Love, Kristen Duff

Dear Santa, I would like four things. My first one is a pretty purse, and I would like earrings, and some very pretty shoes, And I would like a

hundred dollars and a puppy. And for my Mom and Dad, happiness.

Love, Zulay Arnold



Mrs. Thompson's Class

Dear Santa, I think that I have been a very nice girl this year. I have studied hard and made good grades. I made two AA and two BB. And I want a baby doll for Christmas. When you come to my house use the front door so I can hear you saying hol hol hol Merry Christmas and I will leave you some snacks.

Chikulis Barnes

Dear Santa, this Christmas I want you to come to Belle Glade and bring me a lot of things. I think that I have been a very nice girl this year. I have studied hard at school. Santa I want you to come in my house and bring some gifts for my family. I hope you come and visit me in my house Santa.

Evelyn Paloma Hernandez

Dear Santa, could you please bring some toys I want because I like to play with them? And please bring me a cute puppy, I am going to name him Joe and play with him. You are a good Santa Clause. I love you so much.

Magalu Monroy

Dear Santa, I think that I have been a very nice girl this year. I have studied hard and made good grades. I want a baby go by by and a bike. Computer too. I like a computer because it has Math and the maze. Thank you Santa. Don't forget my teacher Mrs. Thompson.

Dorothy Sims

Dear Santa, I think I have been a very nice boy this year.

Daniel Cavazos

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Juan C.

Dear Santa, I want to see you for Christmas because



you are my best friend I want to see you with your wife. There are some things I want for Christmas. First I want a Bettle Bore collection. Second Power Ranger Zoo Collection. Third I want a picture of you. Next I want a toy Santa Claus. Last I want a Space Jam Collection. I can't wait for Christmas because it is my favorite time of the year.

Vincent

Dear Santa Claus, I like Christmas because you get to see your family and members of your family. Also so you can give presents and receive them. I like Christmas because it's my favorite time of the year. Each year I get good presents from Santa and he gives me what I asked for. I like Christmas because you get to get a Christmas tree and decorate it. We could go to

my Aunt's house and play in the yard. Then we will go to the park and play in the sand. Finally we will go to my uncle's house and celebrate Christmas. Christmas is my favorite time of the year.

Valkeshia Lewis

My Letter To Santa...Dear Santa, I like Christmas because it is my favorite time of the year. Maybe I like it because I get to spend time with my family. Santa I wish you a merry Christmas but Santa I'm not done yet. I especially like my mom's cookies. We will have a Christmas party, at the party we will eat the cookies I told you about, fruit punch, cake ice cream, and chips. At the party for fun we will play games like connect four, monopoly, and when were done we will go to the beach. Santa I can tell you what Christmas means to me it means spending time with your family, opening presents and enjoying what you have when Jesus was born. That's what Christmas means to me. Santa all I want for Christmas is a computer. Sincerely, your best friend,

Abigail A Payne

Dear Santa, I like Christmas because I like to get presents. I would like to get a computer, bike and a baby doll. I can get a big in present. I will have good Christmas wakt my mom, Dad and Sister. Love,

Chaquita

Dear Santa, I would like a radio and a computer to do my home work on. I need clothes too. I love Christmas because your with my family and you get toys. The end. P.S. Love,

Leslie Face

Dear Santa, I like christmas because it is a time for giving and family. My family gets together Christmas Eve. We make cookies and sing

Christmas liht. I will awake up and see presents.

Melissa

Dear Santa Claus, Yo my name is Manetide. I'm in 3rd



grade and I'm a 9 year old girl. I live in Belle glade FL. My School name is Belle glade Elem. I wish for a puppy and a rabbit too. I want my mom to have a new car. Love you Santa,

Manetide Delice

Dear Santa, Hil my name is Frances. I'm in the 3rd grade. I like to paint alot. My school is Belle Glade Elem. I like are very much. I like to draw things. We always painting things. I want a doll and some art paper and a bike. Love,

Frances

Dear Santa, I wish I can have a nice and perty Christmas I will be grateful for your care. I would like to visti you in North Pole and if you can gawe me a bike that is all and I am glad because you are coming to my house. Love,

Diana

Dear Santa, My name is Johnnie Edwards I am a girl Santa I would like to visit you some day at the Nouth Pole I hope that your bring me a lot's of toys for Christmas. I know you is a nice Santa This Christmas and I am 8 year old

and it will be happy Christmas with me and my family So stop by my house first you will have your food you will have Chicken rich greens pigfeet. Love,

Johnnie Edwards

Dear Santa, I would like two walkie talkie A remote control car and a tv and a gocart. I stay in Belle Glade Florida The school I go to is call Belle Glade Eml. I stay in Palm Beach County.

Your freind,

Hoover

Dear Santa Claus, This is what I want for Christmas. A juice and cookie baby alive, candyard, dream phine, let's bake pizza, baby doll stroll, fingernail fun, scrunch 'n wear, sane art, ring, out fit, shoe's, baby care srt, play money, walke talke, and my mom a new car. Love,

Alsonya Allen

Dear Santa, Santa how are you doing? This year I want a computer, a real typewriter, a moontrol car, a trampalene, and most I want my whole entire family. That's what I wan tfor Christmas. I will write you again. Love you,

Javaris Peete

Dear Santa Claus, I wish I can see you. How are you doing? I'm in the third grade. I'm 8 years old. I wish I can see



your elves too. How can you make toys? I will try to make toys on my own. I will like to ask you a question. Can you give me a bike? See you soon. Love,

Melody

Dear Santa Claus, My nam eis Jorane Metelus. I am 8 year old My teacher name is Mrs. McDonald. She is a good teacher. Santa I want like to got a babydoll, a bogs, a let of toys. Santa I love you Santa Claus. Love,

Jorane Metelus

Glades Day Elementary

Dear Santa, How are you? I am fine Santa for Christmas I would like some things here they are. A Dear Diary, A Nintendo 64. A Chicken limbo. Some clothes. Some jewelry. Take care of me. Barbie travel house, Barbie mini van Sega saturn. Any 101 dalmation stuffed & C.D. and C.D. player. A phone. A bike and all the Mary Kate & Ashley mvries and a beeper and a case. I hope you have a good Christmas! Love,

Hooker

Dear Santa, Can I have some new roller Blades. They are getting old. Can I have some C.D.'s. I've been a good girl so i would like some new clothes too. Love,

Sarah Menor

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I would like to own a easy bake microwave a mermaid barbie. Some people say you aren't real but I don't care what they say. You are real. Can you get my brather a toy boat? Love,

Cassie Salvador

Ann Basore

Dear Santa, I would like a Nintendo 64 and a 97 Hockey

game, and new roller blades and hockey pads and a helmet. I would like a Cd player. Som eclothes and a really cool backpack and some cool nice shoes and a cute dog and cat and panthers hockey jersey. Love,

Tobin Basore

Dear Santa, I want a basketball playstation 22 Mountain Bike and a Go-Cart and a movie Independence Day and a new football and a new baseball and a F.S.U. helmet and a men hurricane hat. Love,

James Tauvele

Dear Santa, I wish for a talking Bubba and a motor bike ans a go cart and a brand new football and a new base ball and a robot that can talk. Love,

Chucky Simmons

Dear Santa, I want a sega Saturn and a golf cart and I want a ricohet motorcycle and a remote control car and a new t.v. Love,

Nick Wingate

Dear Santa, I wil like a girl talk game and a name plate necklace and a C.D. player. Love,

Andrea Avery

Dear Santa, I would like a Bone CD and a Nintendo 64. And a three wheeler and also a paint ball gun. Love,

Charles Bahruth

Dear Santa, I want a beeper and a case and take care of me twins and I want a Sega game and Lets play school and I want some clothes and a pair of shoes. Love,

Noelle

Dear Santa, I want a paint ball gun and I want a twelve guage shot gun Love,

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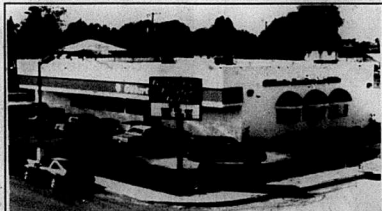
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Mrs. Thompson's Class

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Christmas and I will leave you some snacks.

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**Evelyn Paloma
Hernandez**

Dear Santa, could you please bring some toys I want because I like to play with them? And please bring me a cute puppy. I am going to name him Joe and play with him. You are a good Santa Clause. I love you so much.

Magalu Monroy

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year. I have studied hard and made good grades. I want a baby go by by and a bike. Computer too. I like a computer because it has Math and the maze. Thank you Santa. Don't forget my teacher Mrs. Thompson.

Dorothy Sims

Dear Santa, I think I have been a very nice boy this year. I have studied hard and made good grades. For Christmas I want a remote control Bigfoot and a big dragon toy too and a big eagle toy too. That's all I want for Christmas. I hop you bring these toys to me. I love you Santa very much. I want to live with you Santa. These are the best toys I've ever wanted. I want a little motorcycle that I can ride on. I want these toys so much.

Joaquin Mojica

Dear Santa, I want a ball and a big purse to put my things in it. A dancer barbie, barbie with clothes, shoes, and I want happiness in my house. If you bring me that I will be very happy. Thank you Santa for bringing it for Christmas.

Adriana Monsivais

Dear Santa, I think I have been a very nice girl. I have gotten good grades. I hope you bring me a toll, toys, bike, I want a hat, and Christmas card for my dad. I want a pretty necklas for my mom and a ring too.

Zonia Barajas Flores

Mrs. McClanahan's Class

Dear Santa, I want a Choosy Baby All Gone, fingernail fun salun and a Tiger Talkgirl recorder. Love,

Shemese Edwards

Dear Santa, I'm sorry some people don't believe in you but I do! I've been goo almost all year. I hope you bring me a

year. Will you please only get me two things a bike and some cars. Love,

Adam Velasquez

Dear Santa, I want a water gun, a book that is called Danny and Dinosaur. I wish that my cousin could come and see us for Christmas. If you do this for me, I'll give you a gift. It's my love and friendship forever. This is what else I want for Christmas is a Sega cd Sega Genesis, Super Nintendo ordinary Nintendo. Will you please, let us have a good Christmas and let my stepfather's foot get well.

Germaine Nary

Dear Santa, Here's what I want for Christmas: a Go Cart, Keyboard stand, bicycle helmet, get my computer fixed, lunch box Geo Safari. Love,

Mathew Fuller

Dear Santa, I want a go cart, bicycle, watch and some goodlies. Love,

Micah Mungillo

Dear Santa, This Christmas I want a Nintendo 64 and a game box. Love,

T.J. Quintero



Dear Santa, This is what I want for Christmas a Fluffy My Come Here Puppy, some new shoes and a finger nail salun and a scrunchy maker

and blacelet and necklace and a Talk Girl Jr. Love,

LaTariel

Mrs. Nevad's Class

Dear Santa Claus, I like Christmas because you get to see your family and other members of your family. Also so you can give presents and receive them. I like Christmas because it's my favorite time of the year. Each year I get good presents from Santa and he gives me what I asked for. I like Christmas because you get a Christmas tree to decorate. Another think I like about Christmas is that we get to go to my aunt's house to play with my cousins outside in the yard. Christmas is special because i like spending time with my family and opening presents. Love,

Nicole Haag

Dear Santa, I like Christmas because you can see you family a members, it is my favite time of the year. it is when I go outside and play in the yard until the month of December is over. My mother said when I always be good and never be bad she will bey my some jewelry. Sometimes when my mother bey me some jewelry the person gives me two more extra jewelry First, one nigt I was so lucky that I found 11 present, buy only had 10. I wish Santa can please make me a good girl when I am in college. Second, I wish Santa can make me when I am in Glade Center and when I am in College can he please make me past the testes. Next, I thank you for giving me and the other kids toys. Finally I want to tell "I love you".

Angie Bios

Dear Santa, I like Christmas because you get to

be with your family. Christmas is when you get a lots of toys from your mom, Dad, Brothers, and sisters. First I love Christmas when it is my favorite month. Next, when Santa Claus comes to my home, I will give him some cookies and some milk. I will tell Santa to bring me a toy and baby doll. Then I will tell santa,m to bring me some clothes. Finally I have something to tell you about "I Love you" Santa because you give me presents and lots of gift.

Amber



ers, sisters. Also you get love for Christmas and when Christmas comes and goes, I still will love Christmas when it goes and come because it is my favorite month. When Santa Clause goes to my house I will give him some cookies milk, and I will tell Santa Clause to give me a Baby doll and some new shoes. Than a pool and some money. Next I will tell him to give me a new bike and Finally, I will go to bed and wait for Christmas. Love,

Jovina Green

Dear Santa, I like Christmas because Christmas is my favorite time of the year. I also want to tell you what I want for Christmas. First I want a computer. Second I want a big math book then I want a car for my brother. Next I want snow because it doesn't snow in Belle Glade. I can't wait for christmas also I want a pet Doton Bardia.

Heirika

Dear Santa, Will you give my family and friend's a great time on Christmas. There are some things I want for Christmas. First I want a Space Jam toy. Second I want a bike. Next I want a dog. Last I want a Bettle Bored Collection. I hope my Christmas is great for me and my family.

Dominique

Dear Santa, Christmas is my favorite time of year because it is my birthday. We get new toy's and other people gives us presents. I go to my grand-mother's house and she has more presents for me. I like Christmas because it is cold. Some times it snows and I like snow. I really won't new clothes for Christmas I also want a bike, and a rice 49ers jurry. Christmas will always be my favorite time of year.

Jarvis Peet

Dear Santa Claus, I like Christmas because you get to be with members of your family. Also, you can give presents and receive them. I like Christmas because it is my Favorite month. Christmas is when you get a lots of toys from your mom, Dad, broth-

Family.

It's what the holidays are all about!
From our family to yours,

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could. Your Friend,
Calvin Hille

try to get me a bike. Sincerely
Your Best Friend,
Ro Brittney

Dear Santa, I want a racing car, I want a cat and a dog. I want a football and basketball. I want Miami Dolphins Football pad and pants. I also need some pencils, paper, and crayons so I have something to do my work with. I want pool even though we already have one. I think we need have two pools! Thank you, Santa! Your Friend,

Gustavious

Dear Santa Claus, I wish I could buy my cousin so I could play the games we use to play and a motorbike, and a play car and a toy robocop a real football and a football helmet that is it Sincerely,

Antonio Bailey

Dear Santa Claus, I been wishing you to bring me a game boy and a spiderman and a Sega Nintendo Filas Shoes and I want this toys because I been wishing for this toys and I wish my mom and my dad to stop fighting and have a great Christmas and I want this to happen because they fight alot and I wish mom to don't be sick any more and me to I don't want to be sick anymore. Sincerely,

Jose Jaimes

Dear Santa Claus, I wish to have another sister to love and take care of. I love to see my cousin she loves me a lot. I want a pretty and crafty set and a barbie cd rom. If its to much to ask tell me I want to hear what you say. Oh! there is one more thing! A space jam pair of shoes at shoeworld. Maybe you would get something from me it ill be under my bed don't know where it is its down thehall straight down and have a merry Christmas! Sincerely,

Cynthia Rowland

Dear Santa, I want me some Deon shoes and berry Sanders and I want me some games and a Nintendo and a bike and some close and some ear ring and a Necklaces. Sincerely,

Curtis Brown

Dear St. Nicholas, For

Christmas Tv been wishing for a baby a gone and a genes tape goes for mars. But if you can't I can understand because you probaby are tierd. I want the baby doll because I like to play with baby dolls and I want a genes tape cause I have a genes tape cause I have a genes game at my house and I love playing it. I suppose to be getting a bike my mother said she would get it fo rme. I want a bike because my purple bike the gera broke. Sincerely,

Courtnee

Dear Mrs. Mrs. Claus, Merry Merry Christmas here a lest of thing I wood like to have Filas Nike Air Nice clothes you mite want to No I want to look pretty I want some jewelry I want a name plate a sailing shirt I want some scringform rugs. Sincerely,

Terria Sanford

Dear Santa, I wish that I had a Rottweiler. I wish my mom and dad stop fighting. I wish I had a go car. I wish that I had a football player. Sincerely,

Eddie

Dear Santa, I am wishing for a bike I hope you can bring it on Christmas. I love you Santa and Mrs. Christmas. I love you Santa and Mrs.



Claus. I wish I can come over there were you are because I love you. And I want a TV. too. Sincerely,

Nicketa Brown

Dear Santa, I wish I had a computer but I don't have enough of money to buy it. I want a computer because it helps me learn and that computer is my only wish for Christmas. And my favorite month is Christmas. Sometimes some of my family come to our house for Christmas. And some by me some thing for Christmas some don't. But it's okay because my mom always say be thankful of what I've got. And I am. Sincerely,

Wismicka Lemene,
your biggest fan

Rosenwald Elementary

Ms. Elliot's Class

Dear Santa, I'm a good girl. I get good grades and make honor rolls for Christmas. I want a 10 speed bike, computer, My size Barbie, rings, necklace, bracelets, and for my sister want's a bike my other sister want's a Barbie. Have a Merry Christmas Santa. Love,

Ashley

Dear Santa, I want to tell you I want a per of sekyts, f or Cresmus, and I want a car for my mom and Dad and I want a bick, for my brother and I want a Merry Cresmus for you.

Brenda Garza

Dear Santa, I have ben good. Adn I'm going to tell you what I want. A sega for Christmas and a fooball, basket ball, small mostesticole, Z.50, .tv, sega games, bike and a happy

THE SUN, Thursday, December 18, 1996, -7-B
cake mix for my Easy Bake I want a bike too I want new skats and a baby doll baby go bye bye and I will love to get something for my mother and father. Thank You! Love,
Nicole Mann



famely. Love,

Emilio

Dear Santa, I want you to bring me a computer, a watch, a t.v in my room, some wikes, a doll that cry's, a make up box, skate's. I want you to bring me this, because I made the honor roll all nine weeks and I got all seus. Love,

Amanda

Dear Santa, I want a fun Nail Salon and a bick I have ben a good girl in school I made the honor roll please give me what I asked because thats the only thing I want from you Santa.

Nawanda

Dear Santa, I like a bike, for Christmas Santa and I want a car, for my mom and I want a super, for Christmas. Love,

Antavious Searns

Dear Santa, I want to get a minny bike som Rolle Blades, I want to have for my family to be together and I dont want my mom to go to work on Christmas day. I want to have owa I'm a good boy some times and one mor thing I want a gocart. Love,

Robert

Dear Santa, My mom and dad really want's money for christmas because they don't have it right now my borthor want a new bike because he don't like the one ge got I want

Dear Santa, I was a good girl this year. I want for Christmas is a cabbage plack doll, baby sister kelly Barbie and Gymnst Stacie, Take Along doll case, and Barbie Dress up game. From,
Emily

Dear Santa I would like a bike, some skates, a jeep, a bike for my brother, toys for my cousins, and for my grand-mother some angels, and that my grandfather does not get sick again, I think that my family has ben good this year, and I hop that every one will have a merry Christmas. Love,

Natalie Ornelas

Dear Santa, I love you Santa I want a bike Sanat please I want my family some more shoes and love and for my sister by her a room. Thank You.

Samuel Howard

Ms. K. Ellison's Class

Dear Santa, I want a new gocar because some bady took myeon and I want a new pool because it got real dirt so I want a new pool and a new house for my mom because she got kick out but she is in a house and a gameboy and a play staso and a new pear of Emmit's and drum stick and a new drum and I want a yak back form my brother because he is in the house pillow. Thank you. Your Friend,

Jeremy

Dear Santa, I hope my mom

A Holiday Thank You

The Whole Staff Wishes All of You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New.



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Dear Santa, I want the movie Independence Day and I want the video game toy story. Love,

Kyle Spell

Dear Santa, I would like a Nintendo 64 and a Bone tape and a F.S.U. hat and a F.S.U. jersey and a F.S.U. Helmet. From,

Joey

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie and keico dall also barbie clothes and a barbie dream-house and bike hat I saw at target. I want a phone and cd-player with cds and vcr. I want a real kitten dear diary and the movie Independence day. From,

Noel Slesinger

Dear Santa, I want a jersey Simenole and Dolphin and football pades and mouth piece and chin strap and a Simenole and Dolphin jacket with a simenole on it and two footballs. Simenole and Dolphin and a Simenole hat and Dolphin and finally a paint ball gun. Love,

Kasey Brooke

Dear Santa, I would like stamps and a paint ball gun



and a Nintendo 64 and a hockey ball with a game for Nintendo 64 and hockey shirt and I will like some

Dear Santa, I want some more computer games and some games for my gameboy and I want a bike and a turtle and a new pair of rollerblades. Love,

Amanda Mayo

Dear Santa, I would like to have a C.D. player. Also a Gear bike and a few C.D.'s like bone, Alanes Marset, Cline Dion, Tim Magraw and Jock Rock C.D. Love,

Kristen Lamoureux

Dear Santa, I want a four ten shot gun and I want a go cart and a remote control boat. I want a foot ball. Love,

Josh Dean

Pioneer Park
Elementary

Dear Santa, How have you been this year? How is Mrs Claus and the elves and the reindeers doing? By the way, I'm very good, please bring me some roller blades and Sega CD and basketball gold. please bring me a tow Pac tap and tap player and bike. Love,

Untavious Scott

Dear Santa, How are you doing and how are the Elves doing and how is Mrs. Claus and the raindeers and I been Good this year I want a Fingernail Fun Salon and a Game call Girl talk and a Game Call Lets go Fishing and a Barbie boat and a bike and a Slip and Slide and a Baby go bye-bye and Baby so real and a Sega and some skates. Love,

Chrisha Raye

Dear Santa, How are you doing this week? When you come to give me a presents I want you to give me some good stuff for girls. I want you to

give me a dress of you roller blades tv baby dolls that indefrent things finger nails pirty-dresses shoes with high liets baby go bye bye car phone set house to play baby wiggle and giggle. Love,

Claudia Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I want a sega 64
I want some jewelry
I want a sega CD



I want a Nintendo 3-D
I want a basketball

Unknown

Dear Santa, How have you been How are the Elves and Mrs. Claus. I have been good all year. I would like for you to bring me a doll thay kalls and bick and rollrblaes jeep to a baby making faces and a sega CD. The End,

Vickita Williams

Dear Santa, I like to see Santa. I what a slip and slieb Happy new year. it is fun to have toys.

Jessica Jones

Dear Santa Claus, How are you doing. I hope you are very good to Mrs Claus and reindeers and the elves would you please bring me these few thing. Well it might be alot but just try to bring these toys. I want a finger set salon and a ear phone set and a pear of roller blades and a pear of ear ring my name plate fix.

Miteria

Smith

Dear Santa, How are you? Well I tried to be good. Santa I would like a baby doll house, and a Ningendo 63. Well thank you have a Happy New Year. Love,

Lott

Dear santa. I want a sega of Geise for Chistams Santa and a skates they call roller blaze and a easy baker that make ice cream maker and some jewerl and some bratters f908or my turck and some more boxes for Chirstams and a baby doll that drinks juice and it eat cookies and I want a new baby alive and santa please bring it to me.

Unknown

Dear Santa, I wish I has a rasing car for crismust and a vidyow.

Antoine Warren

Dear Santa, I want the finger-nial set that is all

Denise

Lovett

Dear Santa, How are you doing. How are Mrs. Claus, th, elves and the reinder doing? I have been very good and soool because I make honor roll. I want a baby so real Air Nike hat and shirt and shoes some cloth some Jewelry Fingernale Fun Salon.

Phalondia

Dear Santa, You are good and I wishes I had toys can you get for me OK. You are my good man. Oh I love you so these is for you because you are the old man you like me an I like you. beetle bord an a Ranger.

Gerald

Dear Santa, I want a bike bacuae I need a new one. I want a dog so I can feed it. i want a sega because I know

how to play it with my sister. Your Friend,

Pauqueria King

Dear Santa, I want a cat because I like to play with cats. I want roller blades because I like to skate. I want a Easy Baker because I like to bake. I want a Game Boy because I like to play games. Your Friend,

Katrina K.

Dear Santa, I want a bike bacaeuse I can ride around. I want a traminline so I can jump. I want the Nintendo so I can play it. I want the new Star Wars because I like it. I want some skool supples do I can do m skool work. I don't have a chimney. I hope you know how to get in. Your Friend,

Michael Shane

Dear Santa, I want a 4 wheeler to ride. I want a C.D. player and some C.D.s to play. I like to listen to music. I want a bike to ride with my friends. Your Friend,

Michael W.

Dear Santa, I was a good girl at home in at school. I want a boll in a game. in a deer. I want a car. I want a santa. I want a desk. I want s Flog. I want a rabbit. I want a bath. I want a colck. I want abell. Have a nice chamus. Your Friend,

Erica Hill

Dear Santa, This is what I want. I want a baby all gone in I want a easy baker in I want a tak ecare of me twins in I want a ice cream maker in I want a Ring around the Rosie doll in I want a shopping babie in I want a movie make in I want a tv In I want a doll play for Christmas. Have a very nice Christmas. Your Friend,

Khrysten Sears

Dear Santa, I was a good li-

tle at home and in school to. I want a Bike, a Dolla, a Rares Dolls to. I want alot for panes and I hope ou get me my toys Sanra and I want a baby all gone. in I hope you have a good Christmas to. I love you Santa. Your Friend,

Jokita Jenkins

Dear Santa, I hav being good all week and I won a lots of toys so I can play with them and I want a mokean crol car and a boe game and a play sane and I wuod like to go out and play football and I can ride my bike and play with my play sane and I go in the house and git my car. Your Friend,

Jeremy Brown

Dear Santa, have I bend good or bad if I bend god I want a Dogs. I want a new hme I wish I has money. Can I



see your efes I like toys and mony I like scoll you want to see us I want to see you I like your berd. Your Friend,

Patrick Flowers

Dear Santa, I've been good today so I went a bat and baseball a deer a pig a dog a cat a tapes a bird a toy tape a vera pool some candy turkey a duck a ball a stove some gold a bother an sister. Thank you for bringing me every thing you

The Administration and Staff
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Season and a Healthy, Happy
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give me a present and I will get her a present and we will have a happy Christmas and I love Santa and I love Mrs. Ellison I wish Mrs. Ellison could come and I will have a lot of fun on Christmas and I wish Santa come to my house to give me a present. Your friend,
Thea Green

have a bike and a r.c. racer and a trapulend.
Curtavious

Dear Santa, I have been a very very good girl what I wish I had for Christmas is a nail machine, an a dancing barbie and a little baby doll and a stereo for Christmas. You Friend,
Felicia Yvette Flores

Dear Santa, I been very good to my class makes and tha have been good to me. like going to school because the teacher help us learn and Santa I would like to have a remote control car. Your Friend,
Priscilla

Dear Santa I have been a good girl this year. And I have been good to everyone. Who have been good to me. I have

Christmas is alot of money and they will have a house and what I want for Christmas is a bike, a don't forget amam some shoes, and clothes, and bouns is Take Care Of Me



food to live. Love,

Cesar

Dear Santa, I have ben bad in schol this year in Santa I am sorrie. I will like a go car for Christmas. In I wish that I could get Ms. Laggins a new ring. I love santa in Miss claus. From,
Curshada McPhee

Dear Santa, I have been rather good this year. I have been lisenint to the teacher at school. I want a coputer I can do math and reading on it. brother want a game but this dig not buy it. I got my brother the game he was happy. My big brother Buy dad a car and muma jee yard Buy me a game boy. Love,

Thomas Jackson

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I have been making As in math and reading. I made the Honor Roll. This Christmas I will like a computer, My Size Barbie, and a pair of skates. Really I will like a computer so I could learn how to spell words I do not know how to spell. I want to make a wish that my borther to make good grades in school so he wil make my mother proud and I love him. Love,
Darneshia Hodge

Dear Santa, I have benn rather good this year. I have been doing my homework. I have helped clean our house.



Barbie. I will play with it. I would like a machine for my grandmother so she can lose weight. Love,

Shawanda

Dear Santa, I was good this year. I helped Robert with his homework. I want a bike, and a jacket. For Christmas I want the jacket the most because it is could. I want to give kids clothes because they do not have any. Love,

Sandra Franco

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good this year. I went a Nintendo 64, a low rider bike, make it a sweet shirt and pants. I hope it is not to much. a c.d. player. Most of all I went the game I went one. I went the world to be a better place. Love,

Timothy

Dear Santa Claus, I have been very good this year. I been good because I want a present for Christmas. I want a secret diary computer that is the best thing that I want and I am going to put all my secret things in it like my best friend's phone number. I want it because I always wanted one before. I wish you can give the world something to live in and to eat and the most to the people who don't have a home. Please help my grandmother and grandfather to get her new house to. Love,

Tanya Lopez

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a very good girl. I take care of my baby cousins I chand her diapers. I would like a computer so that I can do my math. And the thing I want that all poor pepal can have a Christmas dinner nd we can find a cure for AIDS. Love,

Ronee

Dear Santa Claus, I have been rather good this year. I have been good to my grandma and my mom. I clean my room when I come home and my sister and my brother do too. I want for Christmas is a Secret Diary, because I can put my secret things in it like my friend phone number and Mrs. Loggins phone number ,because if I want to talk to someone. I love her and you to Santa Claus and I can talk to her. Love,

Demecia

Dear Santa Claus, I been good this year. I made the honor roll. I want My Sixe Barbie. I would put on my clothes on her and wear her clothes. I would dance with her. The spichal present is I want to help the world by pick-

And I have been good to my family. This is what I want for Christmas. I want a Game Boy, tapes, and clothes. And most of all I wish my borhter get better with his grades because I love him. Love,
Jonathan Wilson

Dear Santa, I have been rather good this year. i have been lisenint. Love,
Evernisha

Dear Santa, I have been A gud boy in I want a gaem in a car racing.

William

Dear Santa, I been bad this year I fight with my brother. I don't read my reading book. I'm sorry. I want a My Size

ing up trash. Love,
Crai Netta

Dear Santa Claus, I have been kind of good by helping my grandmother when she was sick. And I was good by teaching my bruther in preK how to spell his name and larn his numbers. I want some skates because I like to skate .because I like to skate around with my friends. I want My Size Barbie so I can wear her clothes and dance with her and I want my friend will stop fighting. From,

Sophia

Dear Santa, I have been good this year because I have been nice and I've been helping my class mates. I want a low rider bike and I will like to get an gameboy. I want awve to have a little K.F.C. on X-mas. i want gameboy when my mom go some wear I can



play my gameboy. Love,
Terrence Smith

K.E.C./Canal Point Elementary

Ms. Schott's Class

Dear Santa, I would like for you to give me a big presntws is a big K-9 Dog who is not scared of anything an d I would like to go home because I miss my preants alotso please do me a favorite pleasee let me go home beofre Christmas because I will cry alot. Gives me a computer and a bicycle who have cup on it and a purse who is by it. So please please give me all the I ask for you to give me. From,
Valery

Dear Santa, I want a mutater and go cart and a girlfriend and we get marryand Iwont a 5.0 to drive around and a caravan and a motorcycle and some gold in my mouth and I want a thousand dollars place.

Edretavious Robinson

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie Deeam house and a computer. I won't a real born baby. bar-



made the honorroll. This year. Can you come to my home toys to me and my sisters. Your friend,

Stephanie

Dear Santa, I have ben a good girl. I wode like a new bike and a computer. Your frind,

Alesha

Dear Santa, I hope my mom give's me a present and I will give her a present to her and my dad to and my sister's to and I hope to get some new mintin's. Your freind.

Antonio

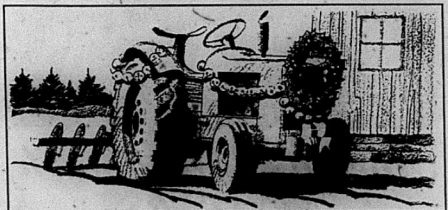
Dear Santa I will Love to

May Everything Good
Come Your Way

Thanks to all our friends and neighbors, our favorite time of year is also our busiest. Merry Christmas & happy New Year, too!

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learning pad
take care of two twins
babby tumble
such wear
finger nail maker
I won't some air Nike
carried babby
real talking bubble

Shankeria

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a new Barbie, and a Barbie car and a bike and a teddy bear. And have a Merry



Christmas. Love,

Romina

Dear Santa, Hi Santa I want a toy I want a gocart a car and a motorcycle a ring and a bike. Buy Santa.

Kalidero Hutchinsonson

Dear Santa, I want a bike a ten speed bike, I want some clothes and som ehight hill shoes, I want some paper and crayons and pencils. Thank you so much Santa you are nice Santa.

Anteria

Dear Santa, I want a bike for Christmas and I want some toys for Christmas and I want some clothes and shoe

and I want a watch.

Anna

Dear Santa, I wish my mom get me two dolls for Christmas and I also wish I get a good Progress report and I hope I get a good latter today and everyday. And I wish I have a nice day on Christmas Christmas is the same thing like Thanksgiving beause Thanksgiving is a day to love and care about our family. Christmas is to. I love Christmas very much. Ho Ho Ho Merry Christmas.

Jaquanna

Dear Santa, I am so happy because Christmas is at most here. I love Christmas. This year I want to be with my whole family. And my birthday is close to Christmas eve. It is December 23 I love my birthday. All I want for Christmas is two things. And here they go to be with my family and two babydolls. I am going t be 9 years old. And I wish I to learn more things in school.Yours Ture love,

Cheryl Alcantara

Dear Santa,
1. I want a gocart
2. Computer
3. Cowboy jacket
4. toy car
5. rining
6. AIR NIKE
yours,

Vicente Jimenez

Dear Santa, I wot a gocart in a remote control car and a trapalien ro an I want a bike and a redo and a book to read and a computer to and a pair of plants and shirt and a sega and nintendoor and a ground pool and a big wheel motorcycle and a ten dollar and a book shelf and a seed racer and a tenedragr. Your friend,

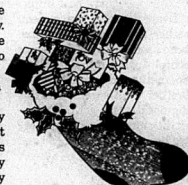
Albert

Dear Santa, I love you alot. I wash I seen you defor. I wash I

had a romt corntorl car. I wash I had a big tw I wash I had a toys. I wash I had atoyz, I wash I had a my onw roo. I wash I had my onw money. I wash I had m onw toys.

Federico

Dear Santa, I want a Bat man and racecar and a Bike



and trapalien to,Love,

Kendall

Dear Santa, I want a baby doll I want a ride I want a bycile I want some jerlwey I want some skates Goodby I love you Santa See You Later Santa Lov,

Gabrielle

Dear Santa, I would like a bicicle and a chane for it so it wont get stolon agin and a saga.

Unknown

Mrs. Sprouse's Class

Dear Sant, I want a Doll and a Dol houses in a Pitbell girl in a ball. I want a dollers in a pool in a baby doll. I want a Jeep in a Book. I want a new bike & Baby Doll C.D. Your Friend,

Felicia Myers

Dear Santa, For Critsmas I would like a game gear. I would like a nameplate. I would like a basketball. I would like a boombox that is all I would like to tell. Thanks

for the gifts you gave me last year. Your Friend,

Alvin Hill

Dear Santa, I been good. How are you. For Christmas this syear I want a Nintendo 64. And a dirt bike. Iwant a game boy. And I want toy shoy. I want a game gear. i want a Sega Saturn, R-Zone. Love, Eddie

Dear Santa, I would like for you to bring me a barbie Mini van and a Prince wishing star and my broliers some clothes and my sister some dolls and I want a new saga and a doll house and some barbie dolls I would dike a ring and a name play and a brabie CD and a telephone. Your Friend,

Contance Chastine

Dear Santa, I would like you to buy me many many toys for Christmas because I deen good this year. I what a Hi Walker Lucky Ducks Drem phone Barbie photo set Mail in Manufacturer Foam N Color Bathtub Barbie Super Talk Telephone COUNT Estate pet parlor Barbie movie theater Barbie CD player Jeep Feeding Fun Stable

Dineshia

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I have been very good this year. I did not get a chance to thank you for all of that stuff for Christmas last year. Would you give me this for Christmas. I would like a Pet Doctor Barbie, Pet Parlor, Name Plate, Brassles. I Hope you have a nice Christmas Holiday. Your Friend,

Tashanette

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I would like a name plate. I wil like a new bike 18 speed. Barbie Movies Theater. Barbie So Much To Do Laundry Center, Barbie Super Talking Cellular Flip Phone. Barbie C.D. Player.

Barbie SuperTalk Telephone. Barbie Galleria, Juice ookie Baby Alive and some roller blazez. Fingerrail Fun. Your Friend,

Anteria Sandlin

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I have been very very good. I what a Doodle Bear! and a barbie mini van, and juice and cookie baby alive. Baby buggy and priced dove brassles, pet doctor barbie pet parlor, Name Plate. I will like a fingerrail fun, and a carrying and my size dancing Christmas. Your Friend,

Fashionette Javonte

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I would like a Nintendo 64, for Christmas and a go car, and a four wheel, And a dog and a bike. I hope you and th erindeers are doing good. I want you to come to my classroom. My classroom number is 212. i hope youis doing fine I am a good bi I no you is good to. I be so good in scholl very day. I want a party my birthday was Sunday. I just tert nine Sunday. I want some money \$1000 Love,

Tanaras Jones

Dear Santa, For Christmas thisis year I would like rollerblads, talk telephone, travil house movie theater, ocean friendm shoppen fun barbie and Kelly, Gunnast Stacie,



baby go bye-bye, Dr. Mommy

set, Melanie's Mall, fingerrail fun, doddle bear, snocone machine, easy bake, breakfast teas set, soccor bobbers, High Walk, Dream Phone, Chicken Limbo, Jenga, Esmeralda costum, henry, pool table, magic stuff, stamp kit, bush art glitter, ballons, barbie camaray, clock, photo book, wakkie takkies. And also I have been good this year.Thank you for the gifts you send me last year for the gifts you send me last year. I will put some cookies and a glass of milk for you. Your Friend,

Kristal Marie Hite

Dear Santa, I have been doing good in school. I got all a's on my report card. I hope you are feeling good and your reindeers. I would like a Nintendo 64 with th etape space jam. And a playstation with the tape NFC playcupz. Love,

Javaris

Dear Santa, I no what I want fo rChristmas I want a new bike and a v.c.r. and a new TV and that is all I want I wanted to ask you uhow are you doing and your raindeer and Mrs, Cluse I hope your family are doing good. Love,

Stephanie

Dear Santa, I what a new bike and I what a new pare of shows. And a radio And a set of hown puppies. Then I want a new dress. Then I want a supper Nintendo. Because a have been so good. I hope you can give me those things, and How have you been because I hope you will be ok so you can give all of th ekids all of there toys they want. And how are the reindeers Doing? I hope they are doing good. Love,

Courtney

Dear Santa, I would like a bicycle this year. I want a playstation. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I hope

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Dear Santa Claus, How are you? I hope you are just great! I like Christmas I know you do too. I hope Ms. Claus is doing great because I am. I hope you like oreo cookies and MeAurthir milk. I only want four things for Christmas, A sony playstation, a pair of shoes, a basketball, and a sega game, Thank you Santa Claus. Sincerely,

Justin Garrett

Dear Santa, I been a very good girl this year. Tell Mrs. Claus and the elves I said Hi. Take care on the north pole. I want three things for Christmas. first I want new Roller Blades, Fun and finger-nails salon, and th elast thing I want is a happy Christmas with my family. Merry Christmas!!! Love,

Bibiana Jaimez

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you are fine and Mrs. Claus too. I know your elves are working hard to make those wonderful toys for the nice children in the world. Are you doing fine up at the North Pole? Over here it doesn't snow but it's cold. I have never seen snow in my life, I wish to see snow sometime.

I know that you come at night one by one to each house to deliver presents. I want three presents for Christmas. One of the presents is a bike because I always wanted a bike. I want a TV, so that I could watch my favorite shows. I want another present. I want my family to come together so that I can be with all my famil. I wish I could see you Santa Claus. I love you, Merry Christmas Santa Claus. Love,

Jamisha Bake

Dear Santa, I want to see you very much. How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeers? I will leave some chocaler cream cookies and milk and there will be some carrots or the reindeers. I would like a remote control car. Also, a C.D. player and a 15 speed bike and that is all I want for Christmas. Sincerely,

Cesar Hervert

Dear Santa. How are you doing on the North Pole? How is Mrs. Santa Claus? I hope she's all right. Tell Mrs. Claus that I said Hello. I know all of your little elves are working hard his Christmas for the boys and girls. All your little elves are getting ready to give all the girls and boys toys. Santa I want a big red barbie car. I want a Nintendo with lots of games. I also wanted some ear phones. Love your friend

Amalia Jaimes

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus and the elves? Say hi to them for me. I hope our reindeer can make it to Florida this year. There are only three things I want for Christmas this year. One thing I would like is a cd player with some CD's. Another thing I want for Christmas is Mystery Mansion a board game that's the last thing I want for Christmas is a tweety purse. Thank you Santa.

Amanda Lewis

Dear Santa Claus, How are you and your elves? I know that you are tired making toys. I want a go kart and a low rider bike. How are your reindeer? Is Mrs. Claus doing good? Come to my house. I will give you oreo cookies and a cup of milk and for desert a big fat cheese pie. I have snacks for the reindeers. Thank you.

Issac Sanchez

Dear Santa, It's nice to write to you. How are ou and Mrs. Claus? After Christmas please let the elves rest for a while. I will leave you some Christmas and milk. also I'll leave lettuce and carrots for the reindeer. I'm sure you'll be hungry. This year I only want three things.

First I would like to have a tweetie bird back pack for school. Also there's a disc that goes on your computer it's a typing disc. The third thing is a new pair of tennis shoes. That's all I want this year. Merry Christmas. Thank You,
Hailey Meeks

Haley Meeks



Dear Santa, How are you and the elves? The reindeer's prancer and Dancer are my favorite. I know you are a busy man santa but please give me a sega and computer, and some tapes, to go with the games. I hope you have a Merry Christmas Love.

Rodney Kelley

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you are doing very good. For Christmas I want 4 things. The first thing is a blue and black bike. The second thing is a nintendo 64. A radio and a CD player. I wish you come but it's a long trip for you to come all the way to Florida.Love,

David Baker

**Gove Elementary
School**

Mrs. Henderson's Class

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus? I know that it's cold on the North Pole. I know that those elves are working very hard. Santa I only want three things for Christmas. One is a computer because I like to type on it. Another thing is a dream phone, I like to dial on the phone. The last one is a Barbie Doll. Love,

Jamisha Bake

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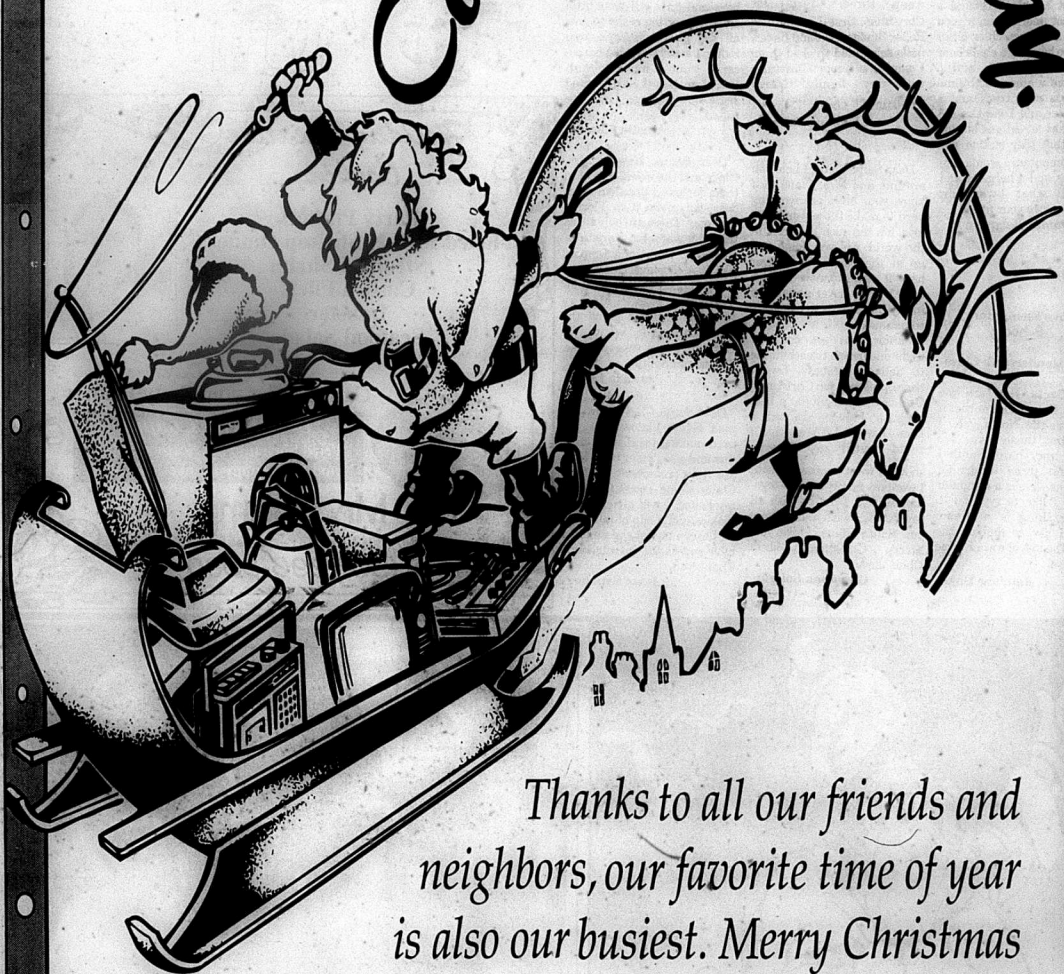
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